

# W CELEBRATION OF ORSHIP

5th Sunday  
of Easter  
May 2, 2021

**Welcome! We are glad you joined us for worship this morning!**

We are thrilled to be back together in the sanctuary! Because we want to help keep everyone safe and well through the pandemic, we are taking extra precautions to prevent the spread of illness in our community:

- \* We ask that everyone wear face masks throughout the worship service.
- \* The pews have been cleaned and disinfected prior to the service and will be cleaned again following the service. For everyone's safety, please only sit in the designated pews.
- \* Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews to avoid spreading germs. The hymns and scripture are printed in the worship bulletin.
- \* Feel free to sing softly with the hymns as long as your mask covers both your nose and mouth.
- \* We will not pass offering plates, but they are available at the exits to receive your offerings. You can also give directly at [www.faithpcusa.org/give](http://www.faithpcusa.org/give).
- \* At the conclusion of the service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows to allow for safe distancing as we exit. Please remain seated in your pews until the usher indicates it is time for your row to exit.
- \* Upon exiting the sanctuary, please proceed directly outside before pausing to speak with other congregants.
- \* Please refrain from visiting any other parts of the church campus, as only the sanctuary, nursery, and restrooms are currently open.
- \* Don't forget to look for the email on Monday to register to attend next week's service!

Can't make it, but don't want to miss the experience? Join us for virtual worship online!

You can watch our service on YouTube, find the weekly bulletin online, and listen to the sermon via your favorite podcast platform or from our website ([www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios](http://www.faithpcusa.org/sermon-audios)).

Nursery is available for children preschool and younger. Trained nursery staff will greet your little ones with open arms! Every member of our childcare team has passed a background check, received CPR/First Aid certification and completed our children and youth protection training course. If you would like your child (preschool and under) to visit the nursery, please ask an usher for directions to the playground or breezeway.

# ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome

Brad Clayton

Prelude

Adam Ravain

\*Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Trinity Whitley

We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

**Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!**

Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

**Praise be to God!**

\*Hymn 451

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

*see hymns at back of bulletin*

Call to Confession

Trinity Whitley

Prayer of Confession

O Lord,

**Forgive us when we fail to respond to Your call with faith. Through Your Spirit we stand in the assurance of Your acceptance. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Through Your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of Your empowering love. (*silent confession*)**

Merciful God,

**We stand together as Your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with Your Spirit. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Trinity Whitley

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen, Amen.**

## Proclamation of the Word

Prayer With Our Young Disciples

Mary Steen

*For everyone's safety, children should remain in the pews with their family for the service.*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

When morning came, the magistrates sent the police, saying, "Let those men go." And the jailer reported the message to Paul, saying, "The magistrates sent word to let you go; therefore come out now and go in peace." But Paul replied, "They have beaten us in public, uncondemned, men who are Roman citizens, and have thrown us into prison; and now are they going to discharge us in secret? Certainly not! Let them come and take us out themselves." The police reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Roman citizens; so they came and apologized to them. And they took them out and asked them to leave the city. After leaving the prison they went to Lydia's home; and when they had seen and encouraged the brothers and sisters there, they departed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Trouble the Waters:  
Trouble in Prison*

Brad Clayton

## Response to the Word

Offering

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Prayer of Dedication *(responsive)*

Linda Pitts

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Linda Pitts

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Linda Pitts

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Sending Out Into the World

\*Hymn 436

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
see hymns at back of bulletin*

\*Charge & Benediction

Brad Clayton

Postlude

Adam Ravain

*At the conclusion of the benediction, please remain seated in your pews  
until an usher directs your row to exit, allowing space to socially distance.  
Please take your bulletin with you. There are recycle bins at the exits.*

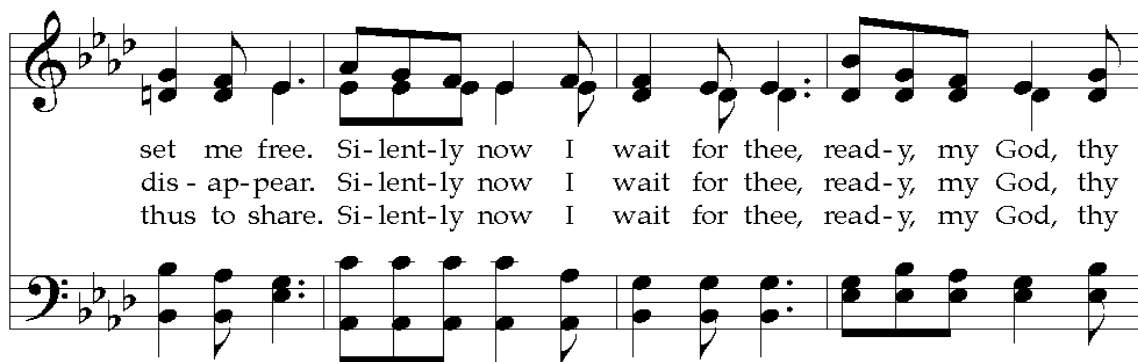
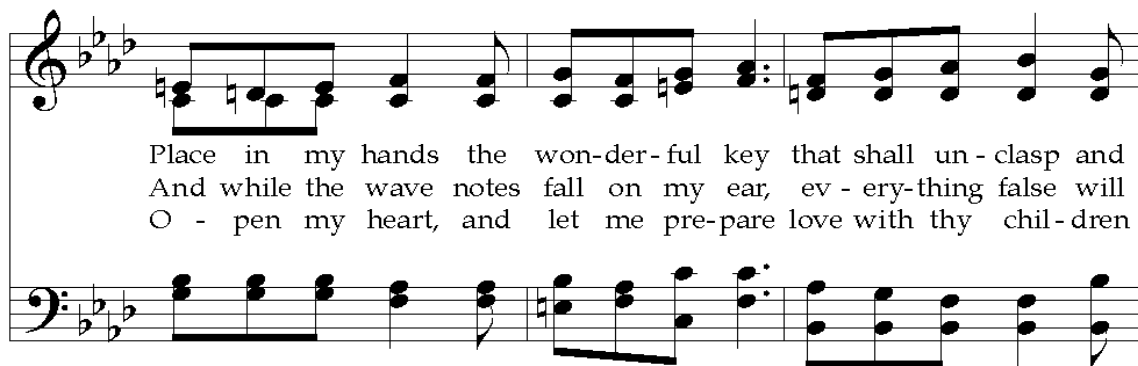
# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.  
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!  
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/ composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



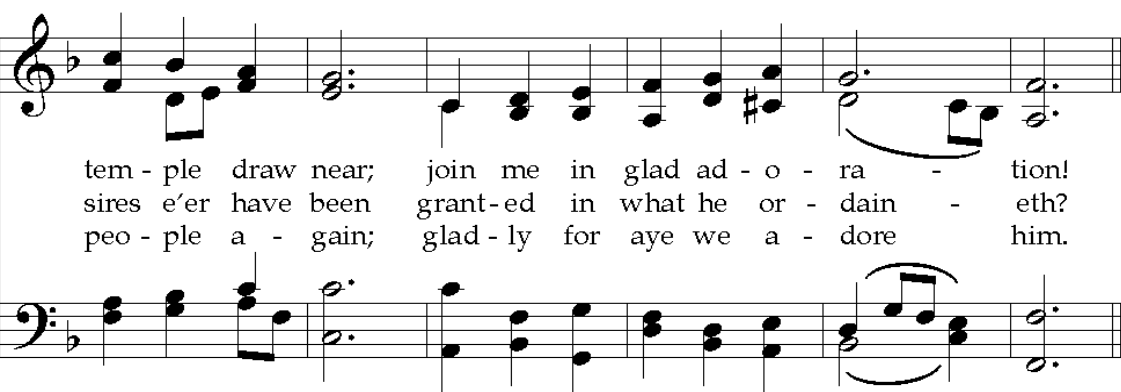
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

**Thank you for joining us for worship today!**

**Coming up:**

**(for full details please visit [www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events](http://www.faithpcusa.org/upcoming-events))**

**Sanctuary Flowers.** Today's flowers are given by Nancyanne Carothers to the glory of God and in honor of her children, grandchildren and precious great-daughter, Sutton.

**Virtual Sunday School** for all ages begins each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. High School Sunday School meets at 11:30 a.m. near the fire pit at Faith.

**Luminaries.** Faith is displaying luminaries nightly from April 28 through May 4 in remembrance of local lives lost to COVID-19. We need volunteers to help take down and disassemble the luminaries on Thursday morning, May 5. If you can volunteer a couple of hours that morning, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/disassembleluminaries>.

**Summer Mission Blitz.** Throughout the years, Faith has had a history of commitment to God's work near and far. Because of the COVID pandemic, we are doing things differently in 2021. We are unable to travel overseas or even locally, and so we are going "on mission" here in Tallahassee! We are going to participate in building a home with a local resident through Habitat for Humanity. We welcome intergenerational participants, ages 12 and up. Anyone under 16 must have a responsible adult with him/ her. More details and application at [bit.ly/missionblitz](http://bit.ly/missionblitz).

**Vacation Bible School.** We are excited to offer VBS **June 21-25** this year. To make that happen we need a lot of supplies. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, see the list at [faithpcusa.org/vbs](http://faithpcusa.org/vbs).

**Graduating?** If you or your child are graduating from high school or college, we would love to include that information in our May 16 Baccalaureate Service. Please send the following information to [cheri@faithpcusa.org](mailto:cheri@faithpcusa.org): name, parents' names, school attended, post-graduation plans, school awards and/or accomplishments, statement to the church, and a photo.

**Churchwide Workday.** Save the date: Saturday, May 15, 8 a.m. until noon, to do much needed yard work and inside cleaning. No skills or tools needed, just a willing spirit. Come for as long as convenient - small and large jobs available. There is a lot to do, so please pitch in to make our grounds and buildings feel and look loved.

**Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering.** All women are invited to the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on Sunday, May 16, 12 - 2 p.m., on the new covered patio outside Fellowship Hall. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 per person, which will be collected at the door and will include lunch and bottled beverages. Individual boxed lunches will be ordered from Newks. Please RSVP at [bit.ly/3atwKNc](http://bit.ly/3atwKNc). Questions? Contact Melissa Strauss, [melissa.strauss6@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.strauss6@gmail.com).

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**Stewardship Update**

Budget YTD: \$ 437,509

Received YTD: \$ 422,995

Spent YTD: \$ 385,695

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